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A GODLY MARRIAGE

“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.” (Genesis 2:24)

Objectives

<i>Knowledge of God’s Will</i>	Marriage is established by God and needs to be honored by mankind. It is a life-long covenant. God wants our marriage to reflect the relationship between Christ and the church.
<i>Knowledge of God’s Divine Nature</i>	God has demonstrated the love we should have for our spouse in His self-sacrificial love for us. He does not want us to separate what He has joined together.
<i>Good Works</i>	Prepare for a lifelong commitment by keeping God at our center, strengthening our prayer life, and becoming a godly Christian. Make a pledge to keep ourselves pure for our future marriage.

A. The Origin of Marriage

Being formed from a part of Adam made Eve a part of him. It was a partnership of equality, trust, and mutual care. His words, as recorded in Genesis 2:23, emphasized that spiritual union.

B. What God Has Joined Together

1. *Physical Oneness:* Our desires are for the purpose of enjoying intimacy and pleasure within the confines of our marriage.
2. *Spiritual Oneness:* God wants couples to help, support, and encourage each other in their faith.
3. *Emotional Oneness:* Through open and honest communication, married couples learn to accept, encourage, and build each other up.

A Lifelong Commitment: Entering into a marriage with a promise of commitment will nurture your relationship into a lasting love that endures for a lifetime.

C. Roles and Responsibilities in a Godly Marriage (Eph 5:21–25)

1. *Towards Each Other:* In the eyes of the world, “submission” is a weakness, and authority is one-sided. But the Bible calls for an active submission of foundational importance, and an authority that is self-sacrificial, not self-serving. With love and respect, a wife can use her strengths to support her family, and a husband can sanctify and lead his family into spiritual life.
2. *Towards God:* To ensure a healthy and lasting marriage, our status as God’s children must serve as the foundation for our relationship. He must be at the apex of our marriage.
3. *Towards Their Children:* Guiding children towards spiritual maturity and salvation in Christ is the parents’ responsibility, as children learn how to live through the example of their parents.

Life Application: Preparing Ourselves for a Lifelong Commitment

1. *Before You Say “I Do”:* Prioritizing God’s will in our search for a spouse may be the greatest challenge in our lives. But when we keep God at our center and build up our prayer life, God will draw near to us (Jas 4:7–8).
2. *Becoming a Godly Christian (1 Tim 4:12–13, 15):* We can only develop godly qualities with time, dedication, and practice. Our conduct, choices, and priorities will work together to transform our character, skills, and lifestyle.
3. *Activity: Keeping Our Purity:* With God’s help, we can stand firm in our purity by making changes to our lifestyle and learning how to spot and prevent situations that can endanger our purity.

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Lesson 11 Homework Assignment

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	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

Memory Verse (Genesis 2:24):

1. What does this verse tell us about God’s view regarding marriage compared to the world’s view?
2. “For the _____ is head of the _____, as also _____ is head of the _____; and He is the _____ of the _____.” (Ephesians 5:23)
3. How does God want a couple to achieve spiritual oneness with each other?
4. Explain the meaning of “submission” and “authority” according to Ephesians 5:22–33 in your own words.
5. Why should we keep God at the center of our decisions?
6. 1 Timothy 4:12–13 lists ways in which we should become godly Christians and set an example for others. Which do you need to improve on the most? Explain your answer.